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D) BONN 13099 (NOTAL)

1. HEAD OF BECHTEL TEAM DAVID GOERZ TOLD EMBOFF BEFORE LEAVING LAGOS IN OCTOBER THAT HE HAD MET GENERAL MANAGER OF NIGERIAN ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY (NEPA) TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. ACCORDING TO GOERZ, DIKKO SAID HE HAD READ BECHTEL'S PROPOSAL, LIKED IT, AND CONSIDERED BECHTEL AN EXCELLENT AND HIGHLY CAPABLE FIRM IN NUCLEAR FIELD. DIKKO TOLD GOERZ HE HIMSELF WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO USE AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY FOR THE NIGERIAN PLANT, BUT QUOTE HAD BEEN READING THE WASHINGTON POST UNQUOTE AND FOLLOWING WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN INDIA, AND WAS WORRIED THAT THE US GOVERNMENT, WHETHER UNDER A FORD OR A CARTER ADMINISTRATION, WOULD NOT FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ASSURED SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR FUEL. MOREOVER, BEFORE ANY
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PROGRESS COULD BE MADE WITH AMERICAN FIRMS A BILATERAL SAFEGUARD

AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE SIGNED. IT WOULD BE HARD TO JUSTIFY GOING THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE WHEN NIGERIA COULD NOT BE SURE THE US WAS SERIOUS ABOUT WANTING TO SELL ITS NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. LACK OF SUCH A BILATERAL AGREEMENT, SAID DIKKO, HAD RULED OUT SELECTING AN AMERICAN FIRM ALREADY WORKING FOR NEPA, SUCH AS CHARLES T. MAIN, FOR THE CONSULTING JOB WHICH WAS GIVEN TO MOTOR COLUMDQS OF SWITZERLAND.

2. GE REPRESENTATIVE BASED IN ABIDJAN TOLD EMBOFF ON VISIT TO LAGOS THAT GE HAS ALSO DISCUSSED NUCLEAR PLANT WITH NEPA AND GOT MUCH THE SAME REACTION. GE ENVISAGES WORKING WITH CBI (CHICAGO BRIDGE AND IRON WORKS) AND FLUOR.

3. BECHTEL AND GE MEETINGS WITH DIKKO SEEM TO INDICATE US NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY HAS SOME STRONG ADVOCATES IN NIGERIA AND THAT US FIRMS MIGHT STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO CAPTURE THIS ORDER GIVEN A CLEAR POLICY COMMITMENT FROM WASHINGTON. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ANY INDICATION WHETHER USG WOULD:

A) NEGOTIATE A SAFEGUARD AGREEMENT WITH THE FMG (WOULD THE NEW ADMINISTRATIONFAVOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL ON THIS, AND HOW MUCH TIME WOULD IT TAKE);

B) SELL NIGERIA A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT;

C) GIVE THE FMG ADEQUATE ASSURANCES THAT THE US WOULD SUPPLY FUEL FOR SUCH A PLANT?

4. PARA THREE OF BONN 13099 REPORTED SCHMIDT TOLD YAR ADUA THAT NO OBSTACLES EXISTED TO GERMAN-NIGERIAN COOPERATION ON A NUCLEAR PLANT AS LONG AS INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS WERE OBSERVED. DOES THE FRG CONSIDER NIGERIAN SIGNATURE OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY SUFFICIENT, OR WOULD SOMETHING MORE BE REQUIRED?
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